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Dear Ms. Knisley:

During its meeting of 25 January 2005, the Commission approved the final plans for the new hospital to replace the current John Howard Pavilion on the St. Elizabeth's campus, located at 2700 Martin Luther King, Jr. Avenue, SE. The revisions to the scheme have improved the quality of the building's design in numerous ways. The additional landscaping at the hospital's vehicular entrance and parking lot are appreciated and should make a visitor's arrival more inviting.

The Commission looks forward to the review of future projects from the District of Columbia Department of Mental Health. As always, the staff is available should you or the design teams have questions or need guidance.

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Sincerely

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